

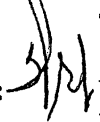
GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Senior Deputy Director
for Health Care Finance

Medical Assistance Program
Transmittal No: 03-13

TO: The District of Columbia Department of Mental Health

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DATE: May 30, 2003

SUBJECT: Transition of D.C. Specific Local Codes to HIPAA Compliant Codes

The Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) is required to achieve compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act's (HIPAA) mandated transaction standards, code sets and identifiers by October 16, 2003.

MAA has devised many local codes for the Department of Mental Health (DMH), a Medicaid provider, to accommodate special needs and circumstances, however, the HIPAA transactions, code sets and identifiers rules do not permit the use of local code values after October 16, 2003. MAA has cross-walked all active DMH local codes to standard codes.

To assist the DMH with the transition to standard codes, MAA has attached an Addendum to the DMH provider billing manual that provides a cross-walk between the current local codes and standard codes. Additionally, the proposed transition from local codes to standard codes will not change the current reimbursement payment(s) to DMH.

Please note that, effective August 31, 2003, MAA will discontinue the use of current local codes. The mental health service claims submitted on or after September 1, 2003 should only use the standard codes.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this transmittal, please call MAA's Fiscal Agent, ACS State Healthcare's Provider Relations Inquiry Desk on (866) 752-9233.

Attachment: Crosswalk Addendum – Department of Mental Health